

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW TECHNICAL BULLETIN #6

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This Technical Bulletin provides information regarding initiation of Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Round Three.

Rounds One and Two of the CFSRs took place for all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico during Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2001-2004 and FFYs 2007-2010 respectively. On April 5, 2011, the Children's Bureau (CB) published a *Federal Register* notice (76 FR 18677) soliciting comments from the States, Tribes, and other stakeholders about how the CFSRs might be improved to benefit child and family outcomes. Based on the comments received from the public, the CB is currently in the process of evaluating the CFSR process for Round Three.

Since the CB is in the process of evaluating the CFSR process, states should disregard any projected years for Round Three CFSRs listed in previous documents or guidance that we provided. These include projected start dates in, but are not limited to, a document titled the "Status of Program Improvement Plans and Subsequent Child and Family Services Reviews" that was posted on the CB website. States should not initiate statewide assessments for the purposes of Round Three CFSRs until notified to do so by the CB.

We strongly encourage States to review the information contained in ACYF-CB-IM-12-07 regarding establishing and maintaining continuous quality improvement (CQI) systems in State child welfare agencies. We also encourage states to continue their efforts to improve child and family outcomes, agency practices and systems.